



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

HENRY FORD

PART 1 OF 1

**BUFILE NUMBERS: 9-176; 9-3885; 9-3901
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(B) Ex-Sen. Rush Holt.

(C) Rep. Hamilton Fish.

(D) Charles Shipman Rayson.

(E) Henry Ford.

SUBJECT

HENRY FORD

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ENCLOSURE COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Henry Ford

FILE: 9-176

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September 14, 1954.

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Mr. Joseph Baker is John Baker. He stated that Harry Campbell of the Ford Motor Company called him and informed him that he had just received a letter today which was signed by the Ford Motor Company, N. Y. City, N. Y. and that the letter was to the effect that the Ford Motor Company was to supply the Ford Motor Company with the Ford Motor Company.

NEW YORK OFFICE
RECEIVED

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
November 22, 1934

REPLY TO

Time: 1:40 PM

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Cowley	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Fox	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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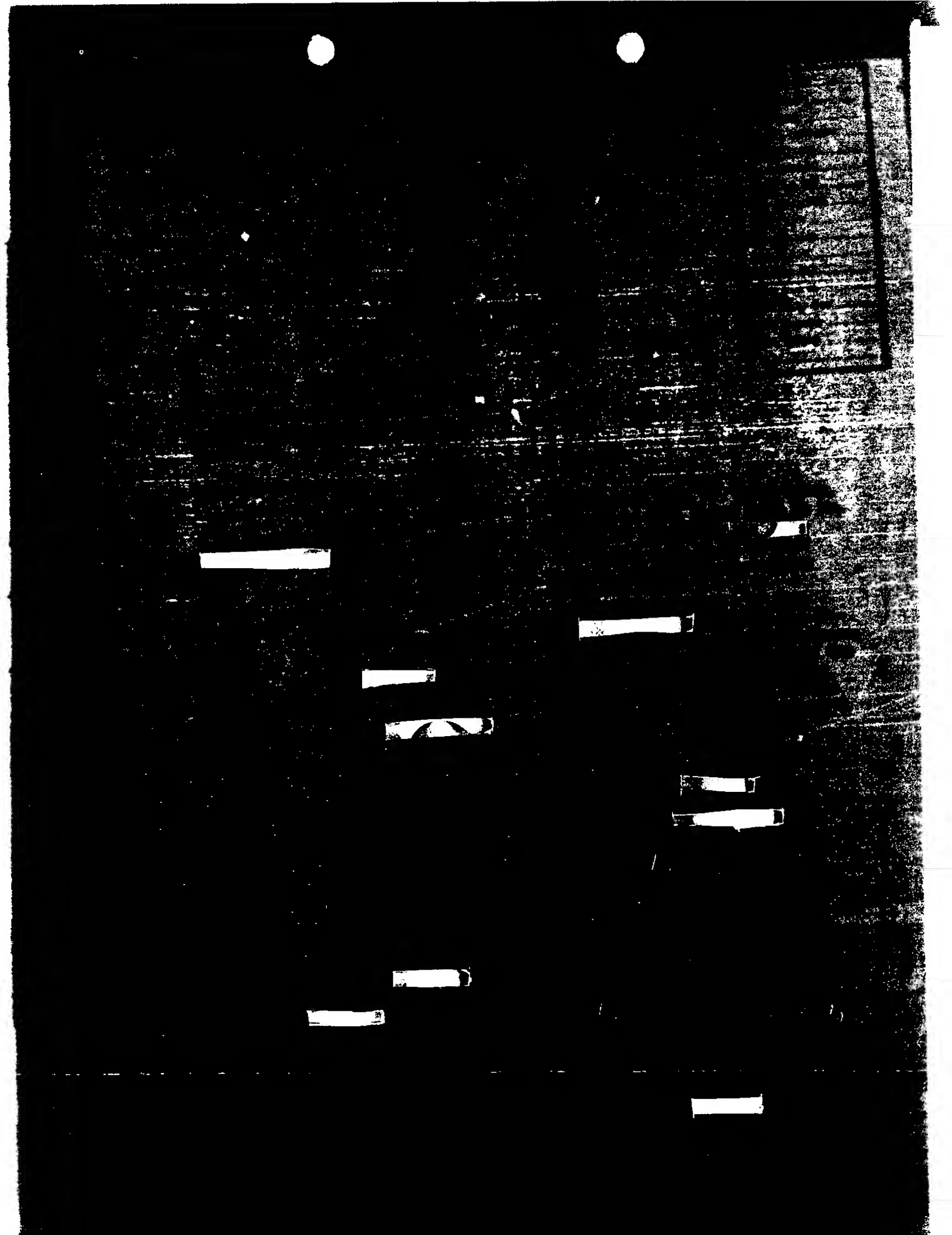
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: **JOHN EDGAR HOOVER**
Director

Mr. Ladd telephoned and asked whether the attention
letters received in the above case had been referred to him as he
had talked with Mr. Bennett and he desired that these original
letters be returned.

I advised Mr. Ladd that these papers were in the
laboratory of the Bureau and that they had been referred to
the attention of the Bureau and that they were being
sent to the Bureau and that they were being
sent to the Bureau.

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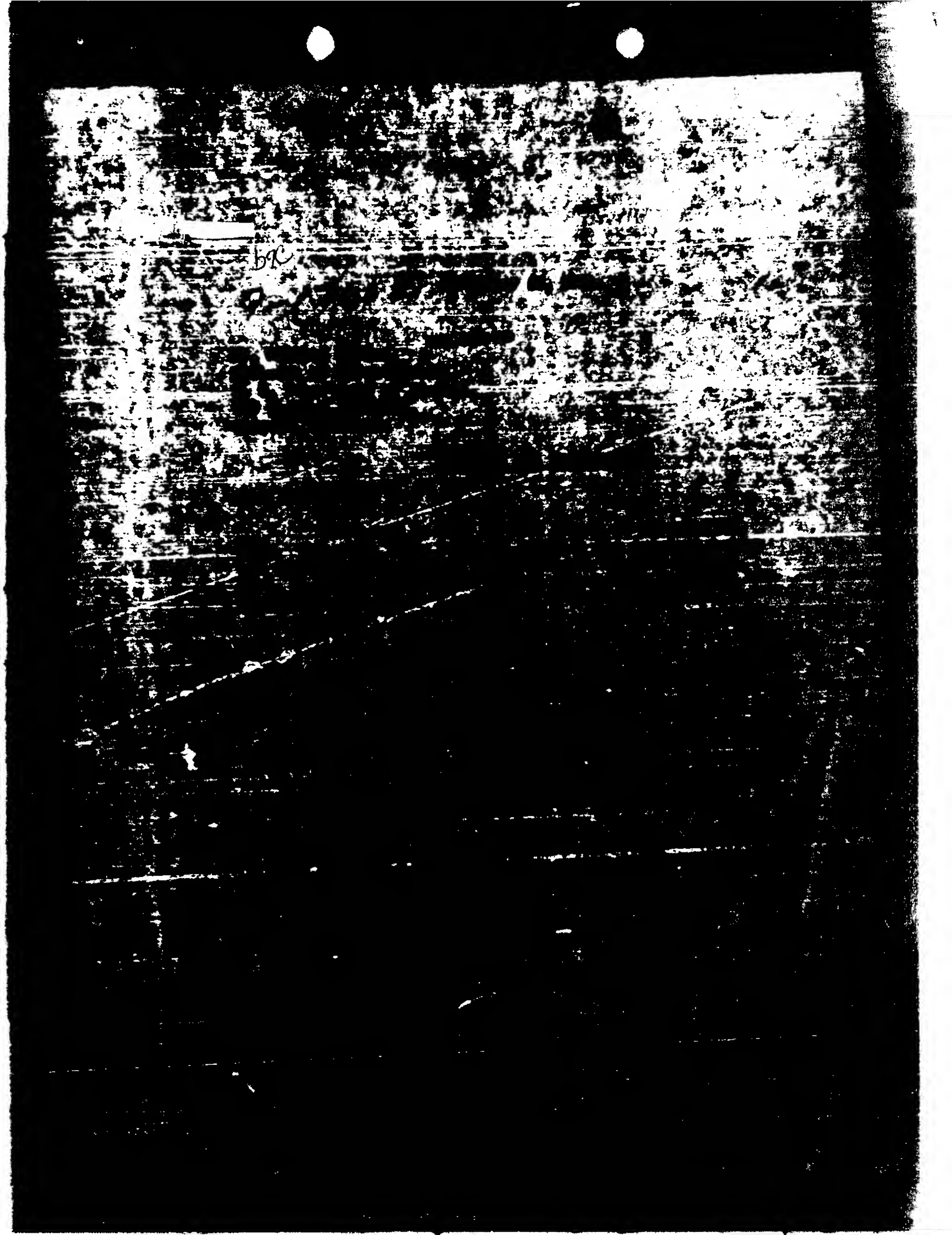
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to me and I shall then personally transmit same to Mr. Bennett. He very confidentially informed me that Mr. Ford is contemplating leaving Detroit within the near future for Georgia where he is going to visit with President Roosevelt, and Mr. Bennett is desirous of knowing the result of the talk with him. I am as early as possible so that he can furnish Mr. Ford the information before he departs from the city. b7C

In view of the fact that Mr. Bennett is personally acquainted with Mr. Egan, he suggested Mr. Egan's name with regard to contacting him in Washington. b7C

Mr. Bennett further stated that he desires to have this letter returned to him after it has served its purpose. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the letter be returned to me and I will see that it gets back into Mr. Bennett's hands.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. L. Egan
Wm. L. Egan,
Special Agent in Charge.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 3745,
Washington, D. C.

November 16, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Re: MR. HENRY FORD - VICTIM,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with verbal instructions received from Mr.
E. A. Tamm of the Division, Special Agents
proceeded to N. Y., on the
evening of November 15, 1934 and succeeded in having
and his son, voluntarily accompany these
Agents to this office. b7c

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Agents not having the original letter at hand nor being fully informed as to the contents thereof, could not obtain from [redacted] the exact chronology of the letter which he claimed not to read. He stated, however, that it was his intention, being a newspaper man, to write a story based on the facts allegedly in his possession concerning the affairs of the Ford family. b7C

Attached hereto are the original and three copies of a statement furnished by [redacted] which is self-explanatory; also, a specimen of his handwriting in ink as follows: b7C

• Mrs. Henry Ford
Dearborn
Mich
Dearborn, Mich.

Washington, D. C.

A signed copy of the above statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office.

[redacted] was fully informed concerning the contents of this statement. The specific words of the last paragraph were referred to his attention and he, in the presence of his wife, [redacted] and [redacted] advised, however, that in the absence of his own knowledge as to the contents of the statement to Mrs. Henry Ford, he could not be held responsible for its contents. He stated that his only role was to provide to the [redacted] everything possible to prevent a recurrence of the incident. b7C

A signed copy of the statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office.

attached during
b7C

John, Van [redacted]

John

John

John

John

John

John

John

John

Criminal record

Since after having been
arrested.

Relative

Two additional copies of this letter are being forwarded to
the Division in the event the Division decides to furnish the Newark
Division Office with same, together with two copies of the statements.

Very truly yours,
H. R. Pennington
H. R. Pennington, Assistant
Attorney General in Charge

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Mrs. Henry Ford
Dearborn
Mich.
For Memo. Fla.

Washington D.C. 67c

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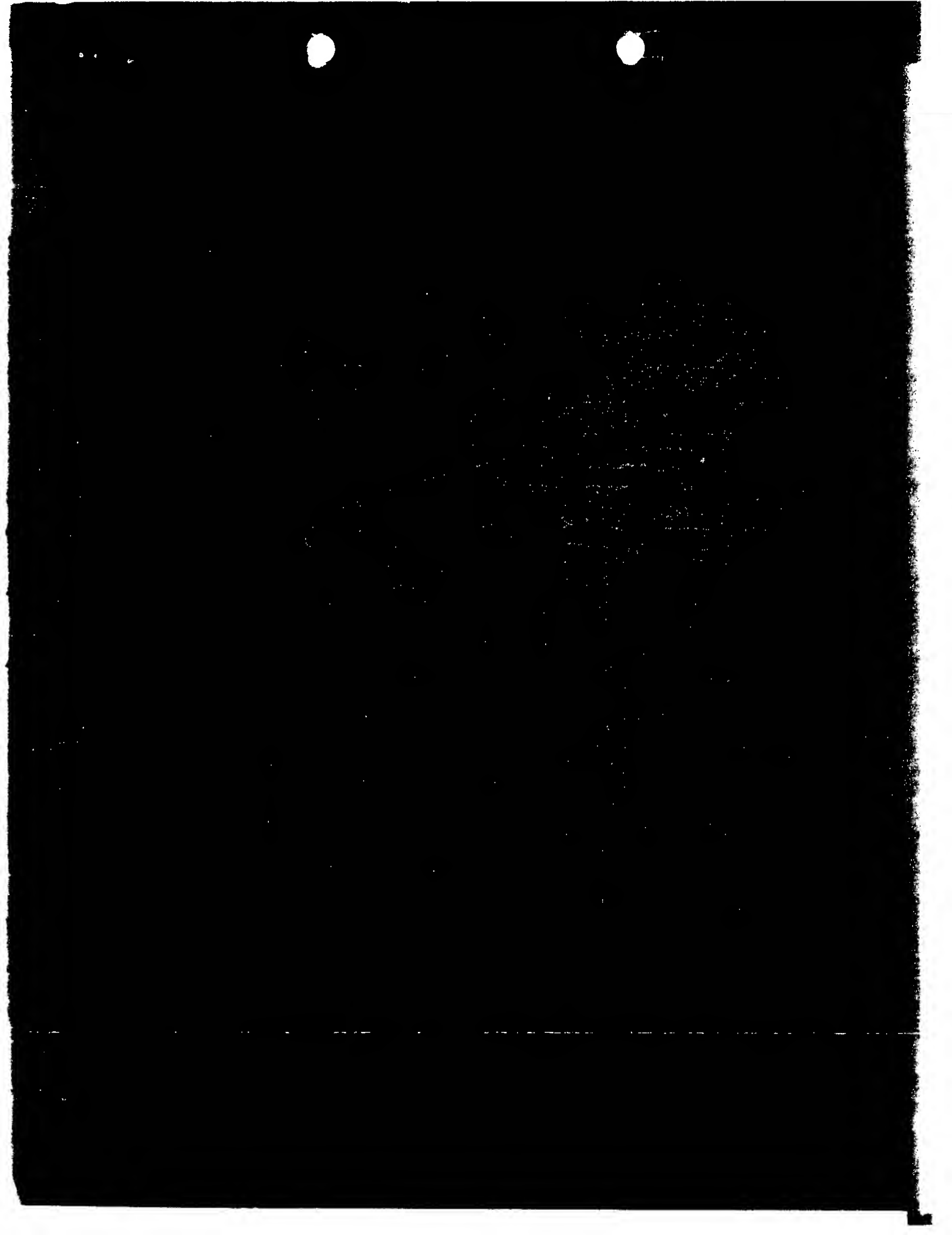
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Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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DETROIT MICH 712P JULY 5 1938

DIRECTOR FED BUR OF INVESTIGATION

US DEPT OF JUSTICE

[REDACTED]

^{b7C}
ETAL VICTIMS EXTORTION.

INQUIRY OF APPROPRIATE FORD REPRESENTATIVE FAILS TO LOCATE LETTER
MAILED OCTOBER FIRST NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN IN FILES. FURTHER
SEARCH BEING MADE AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED RESULTS. SEATTLE
ADVISED

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1281
Seattle, Washington
July 8, 1938**

ay
**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.**

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Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the fingerprints of [redacted] arrested by the Seattle, Washington Police Department July 6, 1938 as a possible extortion violator. *b7c*

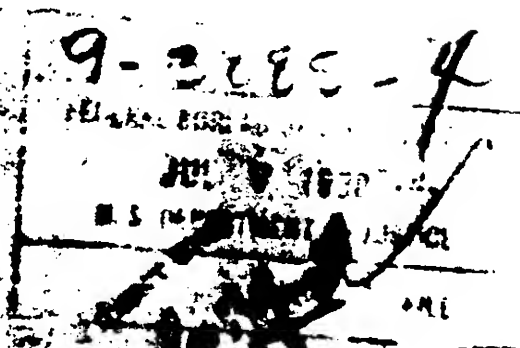
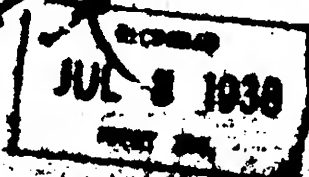
It is requested that these fingerprints be searched through the general file and the criminal record, if any, of this individual be forwarded the Seattle Office immediately.

It is also requested that a copy of the criminal record be furnished to the Seattle Police Department.

Very truly yours,

Edman
**E. O. Edman
Special Agent in Charge**

b7c
**Encl.
AIR MAIL
URGENT DELIVERY**



RECEIVED
A. J. CONWAY
JUL 5 1938

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TELETYPE

FBI SEATTLE 7-4-38 9-30 AM KD

DIRECTOR

✓ SACS NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, DETROIT

ARRESTED SEATTLE PD FOURTH INSTANT IN POSSESSION
REGISTERED LETTER RECEIPTS DATED SPOKANE, WASHINGTON OCTOBER SIXTH,
NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, ADDRESSED TO [REDACTED] NEW YORK
CITY, NEW YORK, RECEIPT DATED SPOKANE, WASHINGTON DECEMBER FIRST,
NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN ADDRESSED TO HENRY FORD, DETROIT, MICHIGAN,
RECEIPT DATED SEATTLE, WASHINGTON JUNE EIGHTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY
EIGHT, ADDRESSED TO [REDACTED] WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. [REDACTED]
ADmits WRITING FOR MONEY, DENIES LETTERS CONTAINED THREATS.

[REDACTED] ALSO HAD IN POSSESSION TYPEWRITTEN LETTER DATED KANSAS
CITY- MISSOURI, POST OFFICE BOX

SEVEN THREE FIVE, JUNE NINTH,
NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, ADDRESSED TO HENRY FORD, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN
SIGNED FREDERICK JAMES NELSON, DEMANDING THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND
BODILY HARM THREATENED ON REFUSAL OF PAYMENT. [REDACTED] DISCLAIMS
AUTHORSHIP THIS LETTER, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, AND DETROIT FIELD
DIVISIONS WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER REFERENCE
ADDRESSES RECEIVED LETTERS CONSTITUTING EXTORTION VIOLATIONS.
ADVISE IMMEDIATELY. all b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Office of the Director, FBI	Date of Report 7-11-55	Report Made at F.A.B. 2-1558	Report Made by [REDACTED]
Title of Report [REDACTED]		Character of Case [REDACTED] b7C	
Name of Subject [REDACTED]		Name of Agency [REDACTED]	
Address of Subject [REDACTED]		Address of Agency [REDACTED]	
Occupation of Subject [REDACTED]		Occupation of Agency [REDACTED]	
Date of Birth [REDACTED]		Date of Death [REDACTED]	
Place of Birth [REDACTED]		Place of Death [REDACTED]	
Date of Arrest [REDACTED]		Date of Release [REDACTED]	
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1990

Major Kenneth R. Felt's Police Department
with handling questions involving letter in
photograph. He denied entering many drug
stores, admitting, however, selling various
amounts of used clothes. He also admitted
to having some

Teletype to Nelson, New York, Philadelphia
and Detroit, dated July 6, 1964.

Teletype from Philadelphia office dated July 8, 1962.

From Detroit to Seattle dated July 8, 1938

Report of Special Agent [redacted] New York
City, dated July 4, 1936.

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File from Schmidt dated July 12, 1951

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Investigation in this case is predicated upon telephonic
information received at the Seattle Field Office on July 4, 1936 from
[redacted] of the Seattle Police Department, who advised that
officers of his department were detaining a man who had been picked
up the street for loitering and who had been booked on suspicion because
of the fact that he had in his possession threatening letters addressed
to [redacted] and HENRY FORD. [redacted] advised that a
detaining officer had [redacted] and that the person in custody
had given his name as [redacted] b7C

Reporting Agent, accompanied by Special Agent [redacted]
proceeded to the Seattle Police Department and there contacted [redacted]
and informed Agents that at approximately one o'clock
on July 4, 1936, [redacted] with officer [redacted] had
picked up an individual at 611st and Harvard Streets in Seattle upon re-
ceiving of a woman who had advised the officers that subject had complaints
about food that had been given him in a restaurant for which he had made
no payment. [redacted] further stated that this case had been as-
signed to Detective [redacted] and that after subject had
been arrested certain letters were found on his person, together with
Postoffice receipts indicating that he had been writing threatening let-
ters to [redacted] HENRY FORD and [redacted] b7C

Agents ascertained from [redacted] that at the time sub-
ject was arrested he had given his name as [redacted] claimed to be
unemployed, and stated that he resided at the Livingstone Hotel, 1931
1st Avenue, Seattle, Washington. [redacted] further stated that
subject, when arrested, had in his possession a stamped typewritten letter
signed by FREDERICK JAMES WILSON and addressed to HENRY FORD, Dearborn,
Michigan, dated June 9, 1936, threatening Mr. FORD with kidnapping and
bodily harm in the event he failed to send \$30,000.00 to the said FRED-
ERICK JAMES WILSON. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] appeared
to be a mental case and had complained in a restaurant where he was beg-
ging food because the restaurant operator had failed to furnish him dessert b7C

[redacted] was brought into the Detective's Office, where
was interviewed by Agents. Subject admitted having in his possession
letter dated June 9, 1936, R. G. Box 136, Kansas City, Missouri, and
to Mr. HENRY FORD, Dearborn, Michigan, and written with a typewriter
reading \$30,000.00. At this time [redacted] disclaimed his authorship
of this letter, stating that he had found the same while walking on
the streets of Seattle. Various postoffice receipts found by police officers
in possession of subject had in the last thereof, in typewritten let-
ters of HENRY FORD, [redacted] b7C
[redacted] stated that these receipts represented threatening letters to the
victims in this case. He further disclaimed having written
letters in which he attempted to obtain money under threat of b7C

It was apparent to Agents that subject is mentally
such as his conversation constantly reverted to religious

of philanthropy. He admitted that such men as the named victims
have had been the subjects of letters written by him in which he
demanded of large sums of money. [redacted] advised that he has traveled
over the country, stopping in cheap hotels and rooming houses, travel-
ing alone, both on the East and on the West Coast. He claimed to be serious
gambler by occupation and admitted ownership of a small portable [redacted]
typewriter which was found by police officers in his room at the [redacted]
Hotel. [redacted] admitted using this typewriter for the purpose
writing letters to men of responsibility in all walks of life requesting
financial assistance. b7C

The following postmarked postal receipts were found in possession
of [redacted] and were admitted by him to be receipts received from
postmasters in Seattle and Spokane for letters mailed by him to victims
in this case. b7C

Postmarked receipt dated at Spokane, Washington, October
8, 1935 - For New York City (on the back of which, written on
the typewriter, appeared the name [redacted] b7C

Postmarked receipt dated at Spokane, Washington October
1, 1935, addressed to Detroit, Michigan (on the back of which
appeared in typewritten letters the name [redacted] b7C

Postal receipt dated at Seattle, Washington June 18, 1936,
addressed to Wilmington, Delaware (on the back of which in
typewritten letters appeared the name [redacted] b7C

In addition to the above postal receipts the following stamped
typewritten letter was found in the possession of subject.

P. O. Box 736
Kansas City, Missouri
June 9, 1936

Mr. Henry Ford
The Auto Magazine
Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Sir:-

You are worth MANY millions, yes, you are
many times a millionaire. Then why cannot you spare me
some of your change?

"I am in very much need of MONEY. They say
that MONEY is everything in the United States. And believe
me I believe this.

If you do not send me \$30,000.00 within
three days from the time you receive this letter, I am going

Bill, or at least some member of your family. You know
he took over. You had better be mighty careful. Because
I am a specialist I never backslide.

Remember my kind regards to all. I am
as ever yours, [redacted]

It is not good to see money, it will
never trouble me. If you have this letter over in one
of your [redacted] it will be lost too.

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insisted that he had at no time ever written and mailed
letter to anyone.

During the interrogation of subject it was noted that
-- remember definitely his family history or details of his
during the past few years.

It was also noted that subject has an impediment in his speech,
causing him to stutter while carrying on an ordinary conversation.

Although subject appears to be at least 40 years of age, he ad-
mitted later that he is thirty years old and was born October 1, 1908.

In connection with the Corona Typewriter found in the possession
of subject, Agent observed on the typewriter the name WILLIAM J. HALL,
Corona Typewriter. It was ascertained that WILLIAM J. HALL, Inc.,
Box 10000, Seattle, Washington, handle the sale of Corona typewriters.
Agent contacted [redacted] searched his records and listed
Agent that Corona Typewriter #206728, the number of the machine for is
possession of subject, had been sold to [redacted] on July
1938. At the time of this sale [redacted] had given his address as
[redacted], Seattle, Washington. The records further reflected that the
typewriter had been sold at auction payments which had been made
by the purchaser. b7C, b7D

b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] b7C, b7D

The photograph and fingerprints of subject were obtained, the former being retained in the Seattle file, while the finger impressions of [REDACTED] were forwarded to the Bureau with the request that the Seattle Field Office be furnished with any criminal record that this individual might have. b7C

On July 11, 1938, the following criminal record was received from the Bureau, subject's number being [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED]

A description of subject, as observed by Agent, is as follows: b7C

Name	[REDACTED] b7C
Age	30
Born	October 1, 1908 (Appears to be approximately 42 years of age)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	132
Hair	Light brown; gray streak
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Nose	Prominent
Build	Slender
Speech	Stutters when talking
Teeth	Regular
Marks and scars	1/2" mole left chest
Marital status	Claims to be married but separated from wife
Occupation	Stenographer
Relatives	
Mother	[REDACTED]
Sisters	[REDACTED]

Brothers [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC

[REDACTED] PROVO, UTAH PD NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHOSE FINGERPRINTS WERE FORWARDED APRIL 23 JUNE
TWENTY NINTH LAST, BEING RELEASED THREE PM PST TODAY.
WIRE WHETHER WANTED b7c

NEWMAN.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC SALT LAKE CITY

RETEL [REDACTED] PROVO UTAH [REDACTED] NOT WANTED ACCORDING
OUR FILES. RECORD MAILED YESTERDAY INDICATES SUBJECT POSSIBLY INSANE AS
HE WAS COMMITTED STATE HOSPITAL FORT STALLACOON WASHINGTON JULY NINETEEN
THIRTY EIGHT. RECORD ALSO INDICATES HAS WRITTEN THREATENING LETTERS TO
PROMINENT MEN. b7C

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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
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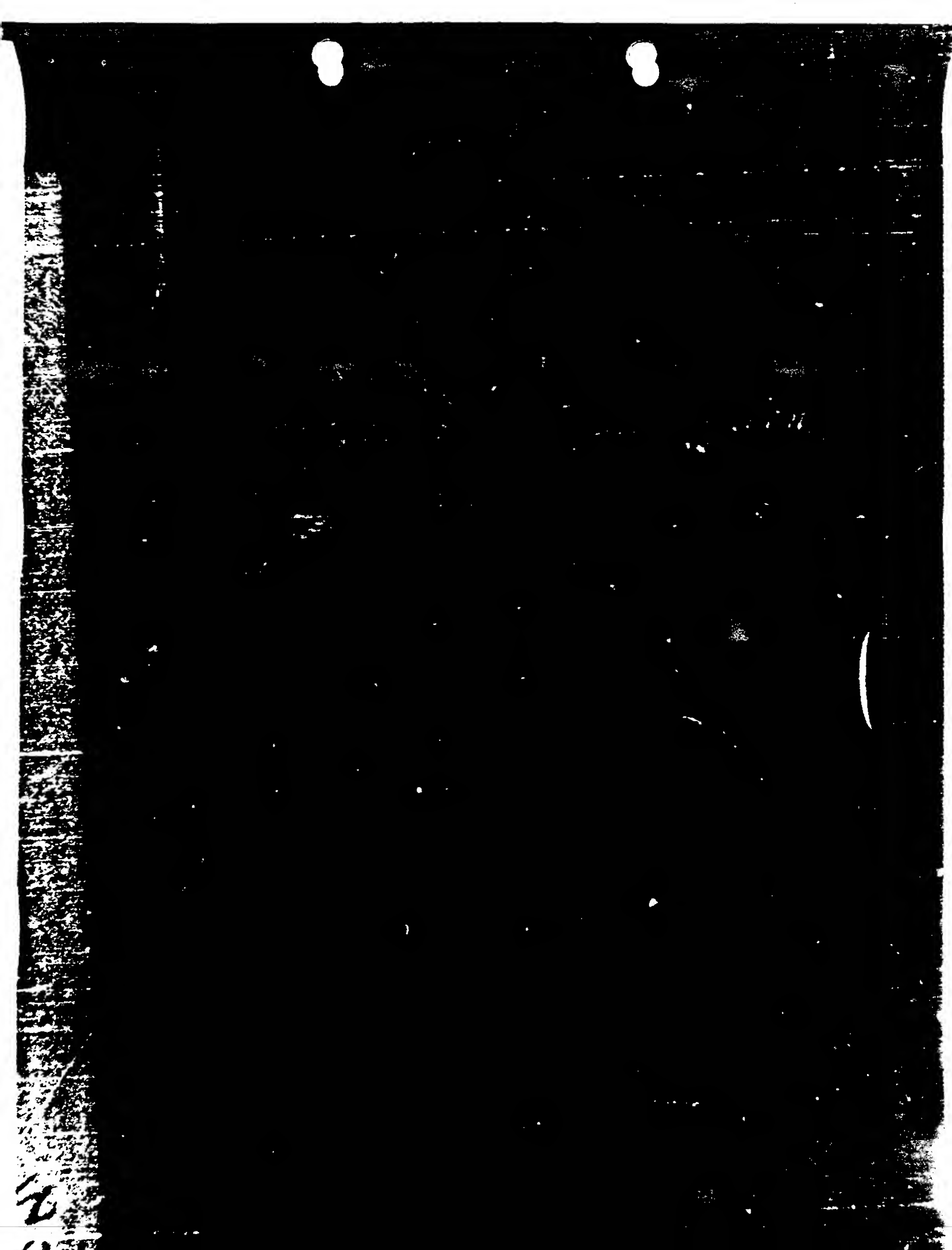
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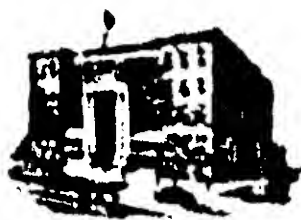
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Hotel Green

San Francisco, Cal.



5 CENTS
BOND
FOR YOUR PRO



[Redacted] b7C

SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE

1215 N. 1ST

PHOENIX



Hotel Green



BUY U.S.
BONDS
ASK YOUR POSTMAN



AMERICAN LEGION

MAINE

PORTLAND



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE



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LAKE MURPHY

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CARE

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WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU STAY IN YOUR HOME
COUNTRY

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ENCLOSURE COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Henry Ford

FILE: 9-3901

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
July 19, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

After a recent contact with MR. HARRY HENRY, head of the Service Department, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, Dearborn, Michigan, on another matter, MR. HENRY sent to me at this office, by one of his representatives, a letter, written in pencil, which reads as follows:

Mr. Ford

"It's on account of people like you that we have such hard times today. I am unemployed at present. But it's not my fault. I am willing to work if I can find some work. If you don't start something in the line of work, there is a lot of people that are going to find it pretty hard to get along. I was refused at your plant at one time because my eyes are pretty bad. But I can't help it if I am physically handicapped. So I say you better start some work pretty soon before you get a bullet in your head and I am just the guy to do it. You can have me arrested if you wish but that won't help you. There is a lot of people that hate your guts and I am one of them - and I would go as far as you will you see save the rest of them from suffering.

(no signature)

The envelope in which letter was addressed to MR. HARRY FORD was not turned over to me.

The letter was in the possession of MR. HENRY for a considerable time before he sent it to me, inasmuch as he considered it a crank letter, harmless, and the kind similar to which literally hundreds are received monthly by HARRY FORD.

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MR. HENRY did not request any investigation in the matter and, in fact, intimated that if he had anything to say about it, an investi-

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July 29, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge.

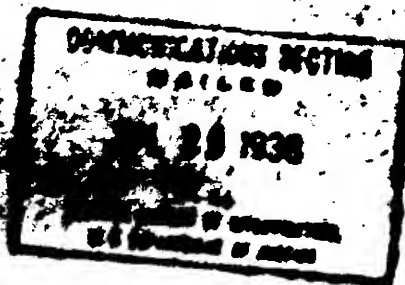
Detroit, Michigan

Re: Unknown Subject;
Mr. Henry Ford, Writing
Threatening Letter.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report 9-3732-2, in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimen which your office submitted for examination:

9-3732-2 CL



Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

July 26, 1936.

Number:

9-3901-1

Case:

Unknown Subjects
Mr. Henry Ford, Victim
Threatening Letter.

Specimens:

9-3901-1 of letter beginning "I'm on account of people like you
that we have."

Examination requested by:

Detroit

Date received:

July 21, 1936

Examination requested:

Examination

Report of examination:

Examination by:

The handwriting on the submitted letter was compared with the
script section of the anonymous letter file without effecting an identification.

The submitted evidence is being retained in the Laboratory.

A photographic copy of the evidence submitted will be forwarded
to your office within the next several days.

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July 26, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge
Bureau, Washington

Mr. William S. Clegg
Mr. Harry J. Waring
Washington, D.C.

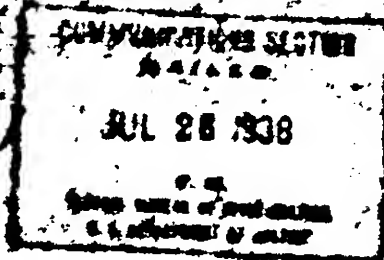
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted to your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 22, 1938.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:



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arrested if you wish
but that won't happen
there is a lot of
people that hate
your guts and I
am one of them.
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far as to kill you
to save the rest of
them from suffering.

9-3901-3



Mr Ford

Its on account of
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your head and
I am just the
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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SUBJECT: Henry Ford

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Denver 2, Colorado
February 22, 1944

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

Re:

HENRY FORD - VICTIM,
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

On February 21, 1944

Denver Branch, Ford Motor Company, Denver, Colorado, advised this office that they had been instructed by letter from Mr. J. S. WUGAS of the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, to turn over certain photostatic copies and one original of letter, mailed from a period of March 24, 1941 to January 10, 1944 to the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan, attention Mr. HENRY FORD. b7C

advised that from April 5, 1938 to January 5, 1939 the apparent writer of these letters, had a Ford Motor Agency at Colorado. He terminated his agency because he was financially unable to continue business. These men stated that there were no financial transactions directly with the Ford Motor Company, but that, as they understood it, some of the cars held by had been repossessed by the Universal Credit Corporation Company. b7C

These men stated that according to the letter from Mr. WUGAS there was a direct violation of the Federal Extortion Statutes contained in these letters and, therefore, this matter should be brought to the attention of the Denver Field Office of this Bureau for appropriate action.

These letters, copies of which are being forwarded to the Denver Field Divisions, indicates that the Ford Motor Company owes him some amount of money which was suffered by him through his association with the Ford Motor Company. This matter was immediately brought to the attention of Mr. J. S. WUGAS, (Michigan State Attorney), Colorado, who advised that he would decline prosecution inasmuch as he did not appear to be sufficient to establish a violation of the Extortion Statutes, and further that from the tone of the letters, appeared to be mentally unbalanced. Mr. WUGAS b7C



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Letter to Director

Re: [REDACTED] HENRY FORD - VICTIM; EXTORTION

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suggested, however, that he felt these letters should also be brought to the attention of the United States Attorney in Portland, Oregon.

By separate letter [REDACTED] are being advised of the opinion of the United States Attorney here, and of the fact that this matter is being referred to the Portland Field Office for presentation to the United States Attorney in that district. A photostatic copy, as well as the one original copy received from them, is being returned. b7C

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, this office will take no further action in this matter.

Very truly yours,



G. A. NICHOLSON
SAC

[REDACTED] b7C
vs

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encls.

cc - Detroit (encls.)
Portland (encls.)

1-9-37
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: 2 copies each of 4 letters
written to Henry Ford Co.
by [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

PORTLAND, OREGON

FILE NO.

9-151

REPORT MADE AT PORTLAND, OREGON	DATE WHEN MADE 3/6/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/28/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE [REDACTED] b7C WILLIAM FORD - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WHA, Portland, declines prosecution.
Subject called at Portland Field Office
on 4/12/41 at which time appeared men-
tally unbalanced.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Denver Field Division dated 2/22/44.

DETAILS:

I.

PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The facts of this case as disclosed by copies of letters from subject to victim as enclosed for the Portland Office with the report of reference, were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney WILLIAM B. LAURENCE, who thereafter advised that he declined prosecution in this matter, inasmuch as the substance of the complained of letters are not sufficient to establish a violation of the extortion statute, and further that it appears that subject [REDACTED] is mentally unbalanced. **b7C**

II.

The indices of the Portland Office disclosed that on December 19, 1940 subject from his home at [REDACTED] Oregon wrote a letter to Attorney General ROBERT A. JACKSON, in which he called to the Attorney General's attention the fact that the Ford Motor Company is the "biggest, most outrageous bunch of crooks, thieves and misrepresenting bastards ever operated in this nation and I believe the world". The files also disclosed that on April 12, 1941, subject appeared at the Portland Field Division, at which time he insisted to reporting agent that for several years prior to 1939 subject had resided at [REDACTED] Colorado, where he had been engaged in the general mercantile business. He advised that he had saved **b7C**

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RE: [REDACTED] b7C
JOHN FORD, VICTIM
MURDER.

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Bureau of Investigation,
Post Office Box 851
Detroit Michigan



April 2nd, 1927.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Director 1 APR 4 1927

Dear Sir:-

Yesterday morning Federal Judge [redacted] is a visiting judge sitting in this district as judge in the Civil Suit of Caprio vs. Ford, called me into conference with him in his chambers and advised me that certain incidents had happened in connection with the present trial and certain reports had been made to him and he personally requested that I make an investigation. The occurrences and incidents are as outlined herewith:

This trial has naturally attracted a great deal of attention. The corridors of this building about the court room are jammed and crowded every day with thousands of persons, the greater percentage of whom are sightseers. The report has been frequently circulated about the building that Mr. Ford was to appear as a witness on various and sundry occasions. However, he has not appeared as a witness to date. On March the 29th, 1927, Mr. [redacted] a Deputy United States Marshal and two of his friends by the names of [redacted] were out to lunch together during the noon recess. [redacted] Lechnoor [redacted] Lechnoor [redacted] village being a suburb of Detroit. These were old friends of the Deputy Marshal, and they went out to the Mike Sangle at 11:45 A. M. It so appears that [redacted] bears a striking resemblance to Henry Ford. These three gentlemen returned to the building at 1:40 P. M. Court was not in session, but the usual crowd was hanging around the corridors and the court door, attempting to gain admission. [redacted] asked the Deputy if there was any way that he might get into the court room as he was very desirous of seeing Senator Reed in action as an Attorney. [redacted] said they

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would stop at the doorway and see if there was a chance for to get in. Another Deputy Marshal by the name of [redacted] is the Deputy in charge of the courtroom at this trial. When the three above mentioned men came to the door of the courtroom, they stopped and [redacted] the Deputy on duty, ran up, took hold of [redacted] and called him Mr. Ford, and attempted to show him great courtesy, rushed him into the courtroom and provided him a seat which would be directly back of Senator Reed and at the council table. Mr. [redacted] did not know what it was all about, neither did Mr. [redacted] the other Deputy, so [redacted] noticed to [redacted] [redacted] came back out in the hall and [redacted] did this at [redacted] [redacted] told [redacted] that he was not Henry Ford and it was all a joke. [redacted] had brought upon himself a rather capital joke. [redacted] felt so peculiar about it and he left the building and did not remain to see Mr. Reed. There was no court in session at this time. [redacted] who apparently cannot take a joke, reported the matter to Judge Raymond and urged Judge Raymond to demand an investigation to the end that some of the Deputy Marshals who appeared to laugh at the occurrence should be deprived of their positions. For your information, allow me to state that I have not instituted an investigation of this matter, simply gathered together the above facts so that I might transmit them to you. I will not institute any investigation of this matter unless directed to do so by you. b7C

Concerning the Deputy Marshal [redacted] for your confidential information, I beg to advise you that he is one of the best men I have ever known and is a good starting with the United States Marshal Service. [redacted] is extremely efficient and has been very useful in the Federal Building and his manner in handling things and his treatment of various individuals. As a Deputy Marshal, three prisoners have escaped from him, one of whom has never since been captured. b7C

From all I know of this occasion and everything that transpired in connection with it, [redacted] brought upon himself and does not appear to be any gratification of any objective to show that any person was attempting to make the Federal Court or Judge Raymond the butt of any joke. b7C

Respectfully submitted for your instruction.

Very respectfully,

F. L. Wilson
Special Agent in Charge

APRIL 2, 1935

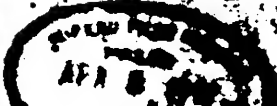
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MARSHALL.

I am transmitting, attached hereto, copy of a communication from the Agent in Charge of the Bureau's Detroit Office, dated April 21., relative to an incident occurring at the trial in the case of **DAVID V. BOND**, at Detroit, which apparently raised some question of criticism of a Deputy Marshal.

I advise that there is no occasion for investigation in this matter and am transmitting the letter to you for your information and for your recommendation as you may see fit.

Very truly yours,

Director



Mr. C. E. Tamm,
U. S. Supreme Court,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of
your communication of April 2nd., narrating
an incident occurring at the trial in the
case of **ABDUS VA RUD**, which apparently
raised some question of criticism of a
Deputy Marshal.

It will not be necessary for you
to take any further investigative action
in this case.

Very truly yours,

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May 14, 1957.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUTHER.

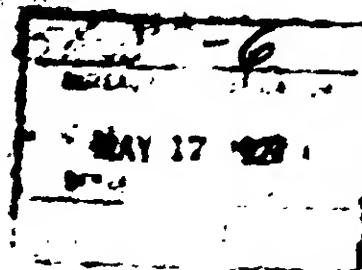
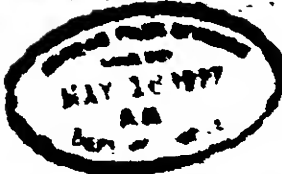
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I few days ago [redacted] called at my office relative to alleged tampering with the jury in the recent case of Aaron Swartz against Henry Ford and Dearborn Publishing Company, at Detroit, Michigan. I informed [redacted] that this Bureau had not made an investigation as to this matter and that the only connection that the Bureau had with the case was in connection with the contempt proceedings over which the Federal Judge presided. I told [redacted] that if he would forward to me such affidavits and papers as related to the matter, I would submit them to the Criminal Division for ruling as to whether or not an investigation should be made by this Bureau. b7C, b7D

I am in receipt this morning of the affidavits from [redacted] and am sending them to you for instructions.

b7C, b7D

Very truly yours,



[REDACTED]

b7c, b7D

DETROIT

May 14, 1927.

Personal.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director of Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith copy of action and affidavit
I spoke to you about while in Washington. I understand additional
information has now been procured and when your agent arrives here
I shall be glad to have same submitted to him.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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Mr. []	Mr. []

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
Eastern District of Michigan
Southern division.

AARON SAPIRO,

Plaintiff,

versus

No. 7022

HENRY FORD and
FORDSON PUBLISHING COMPANY,
a Michigan corporation,
Defendants

NOTICE

TO WILLIAM HENRY SULLIVAN, Esq.,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

Please take notice that the attached motion will be brought on for hearing before the Honorable Fred M. Raymond at the court room in the city of Detroit, Thursday, April 21, 1927, at the opening of court on said day, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

Filed at Detroit, Michigan
this 20th day of April, A. D. 1927.

CLIFFORD B. LONGLEY

WARD E. CHASE

STEWART HANLEY

JAMES A. REED

RECORDED BY THE CLERK OF THE COURT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
Eastern District of Michigan,
Grand Jury Division.

JOHN RAYNES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. 7222

HENRY FORD, and
SEAROGH PUBLISHING COMPANY,
a Michigan Corporation,

Defendants.

Now come the above-named defendants, by undersigned as their attorneys,
and move that the jury heretofore empaneled in said cause, or discharged and
a mis-trial be declared for the following reasons:

1. Cora Hoffman, one of the jurors empaneled in the said cause,
falsely testified in her voir dire examination to the effect that her husband
William Hoffman was engaged only in the plumbing and the heating business,
whereas, his principal business is the operator of a public saloon commonly
known as a "blind pig" in the residence occupied by the said Cora Hoffman
and her said husband at 5158 Fourteenth Avenue in the city of Detroit. That

at said saloon aforesaid, intoxicating liquors, to wit, beer and whiskey, are
sold in violation of the laws of the United States and the State of Michigan.

2. In said voir dire examination the said Cora Hoffman falsely
testified relative to her interest in the pending cause, testifying that she
was a resident of Michigan, when in fact, prior to said examination of her, she
had stated that she hoped she would be selected for jury service in said cause,
and if she were it would not be very healthy for defendant Ford, as she did
not like his business at anything about him.

3. The said Cora Hoffman, in violation of the instructions of a
court, and during the trial of said cause discussed at length said cause with

some person unknown to defendants or their attorneys, the substance of which conversation and opinions appearing in the Detroit Times, a daily newspaper published in the city of Detroit, on the 15th day of April, 1937.

4. The said Cera Hoffman, in violation of the instructions of the court, from time to time, held conversations with a certain person known as Ed Miller, who was in frequent attendance at the trial of said cause, and who, in the presence of said Cera Hoffman, engaged in conversation with and was apparently on friendly terms with the plaintiff Aaron Sapiro.

This motion is based upon the files and records of said cause and upon the affidavits hereto attached.

CLIFFORD B. LOWLEY

WARD W. CHASE

STEWART HANLEY

JAMES A. REED

Attorneys for defendants.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

ss

J. G. BRUCE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Attached hereto is a copy of a publication appearing in
the Detroit Times, April 19, 1927.

J. G. BRUCE

Subscribed and sworn to before me
in this city of Detroit, Michigan,
this 20th day of April, A D, 1927.

Edwin L. Cobb
Notary Public.

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1931.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

JOHN MAY of the city of Detroit, county of Wayne and state of Michigan, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 14th day of April, 1927, he was present at 5154 - 14th Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, the residence and place of business of William Hoffman and Cora Hoffman, his wife; that a saloon is operated at that address.

Deponent further says that while he was present at such address the said William Hoffman became involved in a controversy with his brother Roy Hoffman, which finally led to blows; that Cora Hoffman, wife of said William Hoffman, entered said bar during such controversy and quarrel, and attempted to separate the two brothers which she was unable to do.

Further deponent sayeth not.

JOHN MAY

Subscribed and sworn to before me
in the city of Detroit, Michigan,
this 20th day of April, A D, 1927.

EDWIN L. COOK
Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1931.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

ARNOLD J. MILLER being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a resident of the city of Detroit, is an investigator in the employ of the Ford Motor Company and is a Deputy Sheriff for Wayne County.

Deponent says that he was informed a short time prior to April 15, 1937, that there was a saloon or blind pig in operation at 5158 Fourteenth Avenue in the city of Detroit, and that said place was the residence of William Hoffman and his wife Core Hoffman, who, this deponent was informed was a member of the jury in the trial of the cause of Aaron Sapiro v. Henry Ford and the Dearborn Publishing Company in the United States District Court in the city of Detroit before Honorable Fred M. Raymond, District Judge.

Deponent found at said location, a combined place of business and residence. On entering the premises the deponent passed into a bar which was in operation, and there he purchased one pint of whiskey, for which he paid the sum of three dollars and fifty cents.

This deponent says that the said William Hoffman was at that time in the bar room and passed freely in and about the place of business, behind the bar and elsewhere.

Further deponent sayeth not.

ARNOLD J. MILLER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
in the city of Detroit, Michigan, this 20th
day of April, A. D. 1937.

Notary Public

Commission expires Feb. 1, 1938

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAJIMA

vs

EDWARD HARRIS being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of the city of Detroit.

Deponent states that he is familiar with the premises at number 5158 Fourteenth Avenue in the city of Detroit. Said premises consisting of a combination store and dwelling. The said store building has a sign on the exterior relative to plumbing but the interior is a public saloon, commonly known as a blind pig, where beer and whiskey and other intoxicating drinks are sold. There is a bar in this building approximately twenty feet long over which the drinks are served. The residence portion of the building is in the rear of the bar room and on the second floor.

Deponent states that on April 12th, 1927, having received instructions as to do, he went to this place of business at 5158 Fourteenth Avenue and purchased some beer.

The following day, to wit, April 13th, 1927, between one and one-thirty P.M., in company with Arnold J. Miller, he entered this bar room and purchased over the bar three glasses of whiskey and two glasses of beer for which he paid the sum of Two Dollars and Twenty-five (\$2.25) cents, and being served by the bartender.

Deponent states that on April 11th, 1927, he met William Hoffman in the said barroom and conversed with him, and was informed by the said William Hoffman that the latter's wife was serving on the Ford Jury and the said Hoffman was about to make inquiries as to whether the said

Further deponent says that

EDWARD HARRIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, A.D. 1927, in the city of Detroit,

Notary Public.

My Commission Expires Feb. 1, 1931.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

VERLIN E. BOCHAN being duly sworn deposes and says:
That he is a resident of the city of Detroit, is an investigator
in the employ of the Ford Motor Company and is a Deputy Sheriff for
Wayne County.

Deponent states that on Monday, March 31, 1937, he was delegated
to the duty of attending the trial of Aaron Sapire vs Henry Ford of the
Dearborn Independent at the United States District Court in the city of
Detroit.

Deponent states that on the 23rd day of March, 1937, a certain
short, thick-set person, whom this deponent has since been informed and
believes the fact to be, is known as J. Miller or "Kid" Miller, was pointed
out to him by Albert F. Bates. Deponent says that the said Miller on said
day, during the morning recess, left the rear of the court room where he
had been seated going into the corridor and came into the court room through
the doorway adjacent to the jury box. The said Miller walked up to the
counsel table and there greeted Aaron Sapire and the two held a brief
conversation, whereupon they parted and Miller left the court room.

Further deponent sayeth not.

VERLIN E. BOCHAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me in
the city of Detroit, Michigan, on
the 20th day of April, A.D. 1937.

EDWIN L. DODD

Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1938.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

JOSEPH C. CLENNAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of the city of Dearborn, is an investigator in the employ of the Ford Motor Company and is Deputy Sheriff for Wayne County.

Deponent states that on March 21, or 22, 1927, he was delegated to duty at the trial of the cause of Aaron Sapiro versus Henry Ford and The Dearborn Publishing Company at the United States District Court in the city of Detroit and that shortly after he went on duty there were pointed out to him by Albert P. Bates one Mrs. William Hoffman, also known as Cora or Clara Hoffman, a member of the jury in said cause, and also a certain man about 6 feet 7 inches in height weighing about 195 pounds, with square jaw and a bald head. This deponent has since learned that said person last described is known as "Kid" Miller.

On the morning of March 23, 1927, deponent saw this man now known to him as Miller conversing with plaintiff Aaron Sapiro in the corridor adjacent to the court room.

On the same day, about 11 A.M. he saw the said Miller and Mrs. Hoffman shaking hands.

Deponent states that on the 24th day of March, 1927, during the afternoon recess he saw said Miller engage in conversation with said Aaron Sapiro in the corridor and almost immediately thereafter he saw said Miller shake hands with and hold another conversation with the said Mrs. Hoffman.

Further deponent sayeth not.

JOSEPH C. CLENNAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the city of Detroit, Michigan, this 30th day of April, A. D. 1927.

Notary Public
My Commission expires Feb. 1, 1928.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

MILTON JOHNSON, being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a resident of the city of Detroit, Michigan, is an investigator in the employ of the Ford Motor Company and is a Deputy Sheriff for Wayne County.

Deponent states that on March 22 or 23, 1927, he was delegated to attend the trial of the cause of Aaron Sapiro versus the Dearborn Publishing Company and Henry Ford in the United States District Court room in the Post Office Building in the city of Detroit before the Honorable Fred M. Raymond.

Deponent shortly after upon entering into said duties became well acquainted by sight with the plaintiff, Aaron Sapiro, and with the jurors in the cause; among others, Mrs. Cora Hoffman.

While on the said duty on March 24, 1927, at about the hour of 10:30 A.M., he observed a certain man who previously had been pointed out to him by Albert V. Bates and whom he has since been informed and believes the fact to be is known as "Kid" Miller, stop and address the said Aaron Sapiro as the latter came out of the court room. The said Miller put his arm about the waist of said Sapiro and they talked together very earnestly for a few minutes and then walked down the corridor together toward the elevator.

The said person known to this deponent as Miller was about 5 foot 7 inches tall, weighed about 200 pounds, had a sallow complexion and a heavy jaw.

On the 25th day of March, 1927, following the adjournment of court on said day, deponent saw this same man now known to the deponent as Miller, stop the said Cora Hoffman in the corridor, shake hands with her and they conversed together for several minutes, but this deponent was not able to hear the conversation.

Further deponent sayeth not.

MILTON JOHNSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me
in the city of Detroit, Michigan,
this 20th day of April, 1927.

JOHN J. JONES

Deputy Sheriff

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1928

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

JOHN SMOLAR, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of the city of Detroit, Michigan, is employed by the Ford Motor Company as an investigator and is a Deputy Sheriff for Wayne County.

On Monday, March 21, 1937, he was delegated to the duty of attending the trial of the cause between Aaron Sapiro against Henry Ford and the Dearborn Publishing Company in the United States District Court room in the city of Detroit before the Honorable Fred M. Raymond.

Deponent became acquainted by sight shortly after his going upon said duty with the said Aaron Sapiro, plaintiff, and with a certain juror in said cause known as Mrs. Cora Hoffman.

On Wednesday, March 23, 1937, when the noon recess in the trial of said cause was taken, deponent observed three men of Jewish caste of countenance talking together and when the jurors left the court room one of these men, whom deponent has since been informed and believes the fact to be is known as "Kid" Miller, left his companions and approached the said Cora Hoffman and walked past deponent; deponent heard Miller ask Mrs. Hoffman to go to dinner with him. Mrs. Hoffman appeared to draw away from Miller, saying that a man was following her. Miller said to her, "It will be worth thousands of dollars to you if you will do that." The said Cora Hoffman did not go with said Miller but returned to the jury room. The said Miller then joined his companions and left the corridor.

The said Miller appeared to be about 45 to 50 years of age, weight about 180 to 190 pounds, and about five feet seven inches in height.

Further deponent sayeth not.

JOHN SMOLAR

Subscribed and sworn to before me
in the city of Detroit, Michigan,
this 27th day of April, A. D. 1937.

WALTER A. GUNN
Notary Public

Commission expires Nov. 1, 1938.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

Carl Brooks being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a resident of the city of Detroit, is an investigator in the employ of the Ford Motor Company and is a Deputy Sheriff for the county of Wayne.

Deponent states that Monday, March 21, 1927, he was delegated to duty to attend at the trial of the cause of Aaron Sapiro vs Henry Ford and the Dearborn Publishing Company in the United States District Court in the city of Detroit before the Honorable Fred L. Raymond, District Judge.

Deponent immediately became familiar by sight with the members of the jury empaneled in said cause including Mrs. Cora Hoffman.

On the 23rd day of March, 1927 the attention of this deponent was called by Albert F. Bates to a certain man apparently from 47 to 50 years of age, weighing about 175 to 185 pounds and being about 5'-7 1/2" to 5" tall, who this deponent is now informed and believes the fact to be is known as Ed Miller.

Deponent observed the said Miller in conversation with the said Cora Hoffman in the corridor adjacent to said court room, and heard said Miller ask her to go to lunch with him. The said Cora Hoffman replied "I haven't got time" and the said Miller then stated to her, "If you will go to lunch with me where we can talk it will be worth thousands of dollars to you." Said Cora Hoffman again declined to go with him saying she did not have time but would see him later. The said Miller then followed the said Cora Hoffman out of the Federal Building to Fort Street and down to Fort Street to a Cafeteria in the basement of the First Bank Building, and there saw the said Cora Hoffman meet two other women who were members of the same jury with her.

Further deponent knows not.

Carl Brooks

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 23rd day of April, 1927, in the
city of Detroit.

JOHN L. GALT, Notary Public
My commission expires Feb. 1, 1928.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHAUNCEY GRAMER, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of the city of Detroit and is a special investigator in the employ of the Ford Motor Company and is a Deputy Sheriff for Wayne County.

Deponent states that in the course of his duties he was on March 24, 1927, in attendance at the trial of the cause of Aaron Sapiro, plaintiff, versus Henry Ford and the Dearborn Publishing Company, defendants, at the United States District Court room in the city of Detroit before the Honorable Fred M. Raymond, District Judge, and became well acquainted by sight with the said Aaron Sapiro.

On March 23 or 25, 1927, while this deponent was in attendance at said trial, a certain man, of Jewish caste of countenance, of about middle age, medium height, heavily set, was pointed out to this deponent by Albert F. Bates with instructions to closely observe and follow this man and learn as much about him as he could. This deponent at that time did not know the name of said person but has since been informed and believes the fact to be that he is known as "Kid" Miller.

On March 24, 1927, when the morning recess was taken in the trial of said cause, this deponent observed the said Aaron Sapiro as he was leaving the court room meet the said Miller; they greeted each other in a cordial manner and putting their arms about each other, the said Miller and the said Sapiro walked down the corridor together, conversing, and at the end of the hallway adjacent to the court room they shook hands with each other and parted.

In the afternoon of said day the said Miller was again in attendance at the trial of said cause and this deponent saw him shake hands and engage in conversation with Cora Hoffman, one of the jurors sitting in said case who at that time was well known by sight to this deponent. This deponent did not hear the conversation between them.

Further deponent saith not.

CHAUNCEY GRAMER

Subscribed and sworn to before me
in the city of Detroit, Michigan,
this 20th day of April, A. D. 1927.

EDWIN J. COON

Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1931.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

A. G. Candler, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of the city of Detroit, is an investigator in the employ of the Ford Motor Company and is a Deputy Sheriff for Wayne County.

Deposant states that he was delegated to the duty of attending the trial of Aaron Sapiro versus Henry Ford and The Dearborn Publishing Company in the United States District Court in the city of Detroit, before Honorable Fred M. Raymond, District Judge.

That on the 7th day of April, 1937, while deposant was on duty at a recess, when the noon recess was taken, this deposant saw a certain man who had theretofore been pointed out to him as a man to watch and when this deposant is now informed and believes the fact to be is known as "Kid" Miller, greet the plaintiff, Aaron Sapiro, and they talked together in the court room about a minute.

The said Miller then left the said Sapiro and passed out of the court room and followed Cora Hoffman, one of the jurors in said case, down the corridor and finally joined her and held a conversation with her in a rapid and low tone of voice which this deposant was unable to understand. During the said conversation, the said Miller had his hand on the arm of the said Cora Hoffman and they continued to talk until the court deputy approached, when she left the said Miller.

This deposant then followed, in company with Joseph Oldani, the said Miller to the Lafayette Building, where Miller took an elevator and deposant entered said elevator car with Miller; Miller left the car at the eleventh floor, and, being followed by this deposant, went to Room 1113 where he remained about five or ten minutes and deposant remained in the hall. When Miller left the office, he re-entered the elevator, going down accompanied by deposant; when the elevator stopped at the fifth floor, the said Miller quickly left the car before deposant was able to leave the car. Deposant left the car at the fourth floor and walked up to the fifth floor but was unable to locate the said Miller.

Further deposant sayeth not.

A. G. CANDLER

Subscribed and sworn to before me
in the city of Detroit, Michigan,
on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1937.

JOHN L. COOK

Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1931.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

JAMES L. O'BRIEN, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of the city of Detroit, that he is a law student at the University of Detroit, and in the latter part of March was engaged by Mr. Harry Bennett to attend during the afternoon the trial of the cause of Aaron Sapiro versus Henry Ford and the Dearborn Publishing Company in the United States District Court Room in the city of Detroit before Honorable Fred M. Raymond.

During the early part of his employment, this deponent was directed by Albert F. Bates to watch carefully a certain middle aged, thick set man, of Jewish Gait of countenance, who, this deponent is now informed and believes the fact to be, is known as "Eid" Miller.

On the 7th day of April, 1937, while this deponent was in attendance at said trial, he saw the said Miller, when on recess had been taken, engage in conversation with the plaintiff, Aaron Sapiro, for about a minute; the said Miller at that time being back of the rail and Sapiro in front of the rail. This deponent could not hear the conversation, but when it was finished the said Miller came before the rail and left the court room. As he was leaving the court room, he looked toward the left, and, observing Mrs. Cera Hoffman, who was known to this deponent as one of the jurors sitting in said cause, followed her to the intersection of the corridor that leads toward the United States Marshal's office, and in a relatively secluded and obscure spot, engaged the said Mrs. Hoffman in conversation. This deponent was unable to hear the conversation sufficiently well to understand the same; and it continued until Deputy United States Marshal George Seamer approached said Miller and the said Mrs. Hoffman, when they separated.

Deponent together with A. G. Gandler followed said Miller to the Lafayette Building where Miller went up in the elevator accompanied by Gandler while deponent remained in the hallway. In about five or ten minutes Miller came down alone and deponent followed him to the Majestic Building which Miller entered at the Woodward Avenue entrance and took an elevator in the battery of elevators located in the middle of the building and accompanied by deponent went to the eighth floor where both left the car. Miller then went to the battery of elevators located on the western side of the building and took a car going up, while deponent went down and remained in the hallway where he again met Miller when the latter left the car in about two or three minutes. Deponent then left the Majestic Building and in the neighborhood of the Woodward Avenue entrance to the J. L. Hudson Store following the said Miller where the said Miller waited beside a standing limousine until all the people were assembled but then he quickly entered and left the limousine.

JAMES L. O'BRIEN

Subscribed and sworn to before me
in the city of Detroit, Michigan,
this 20th day of April, A. D. 1937.

Notary Public,
My commission expires Nov. 1, 1938.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

ALBERT E. BATES, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides in the city of Detroit, Michigan; that he is a special investigator in the employ of the Ford Motor Company and is a Deputy Sheriff for Wayne County.

Dependent states that from March 21, 1937, to April 19, 1937, he was in the course of his duties in daily attendance at the post Office Building in the city of Detroit at the trial of the cause of Aaron Sapiro versus Henry Ford and the Dearborn Publishing Company, defendants.

Dependent states that on Tuesday, March 22, 1937, he observed Mrs. Gera Hoffmann, a member of the jury impaneled in said cause, nod and speak on two occasions to three men who were of Jewish caste of countenance, the first of said conversations taking place about 11 A. M. during a recess period and the second about 12:30 P. M. when the noon recess was taken; one of these men, whose name at that time was not known to dependent but whom dependent is informed and believes is known as "Kid" Miller, was a man appearing to be from 45 to 50 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing in the neighborhood of 150 pounds, was bald headed, and was wearing a dark grey overcoat and a dark green hat. On this occasion dependent pointed out this man and called him to the attention of Carl Brooks, John Smolar, Joseph Deenen and Joseph Glendon, who were working under the supervision of dependent.

On Wednesday, March 23, 1937, dependent, in company with said Smolar, saw these same three men whom dependent is believing about the corridors of the third floor of the post Office Building in the vicinity of the court room, said courtroom being tried from 10 A. M. until 12:30 P. M. when court adjourned for the day. At the instant aforesaid, in the corridor adjacent to the court room, the said "Kid" Miller approached the said Gera Hoffmann, lifted his hat, spoke to her by name and shook hands with her; they then began to hold a conversation and the said Miller requested the said Gera Hoffmann to go to lunch with him. She declined and he departed. "You can take

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAINE

Frank E. Gervais, of the city of Detroit, Michigan, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 19th day of April, 1927, he was instructed to see and talk with one William Hoffman, the husband of Mrs. William Hoffman serving upon the jury in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, in the case of Aaron Empire, plaintiff, against Henry Ford, et. al.

Deponent says that he met said Hoffman who upon shaking hands with him opened the conversation by stating, "You fellows are getting me in a hell of a mess". Deponent replied, "Why, what are you worrying about? The saloon?" The conversation continued and deponent stated that he knew all about the mention of money made by one "Kid" Miller to Mrs. Hoffman, the wife of the said William Hoffman. Hoffman then stated, "Yes, I know all about that; she told me about it that night, and I said 'If you can get ten thousand, you can get fifteen,' but I've got that all fixed; what if we say it's a real estate deal, or mortgage? I can fix that up. Just save my racket; they haven't got a thing on me."

Further deponent sayeth not.

FRANK E. GERVAIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the city of Detroit, Michigan, this 20th day of April, A. D., 1927.

EDWIN L. COBB.

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1931.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

HENRY ORTH, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of the village of Dearborn, Michigan.

On Sunday evening, February 27th, 1937, said deponent in company with his wife Susan A. Orth, was visiting at the home of his aunt Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, at Bryant and Wabash Avenues in the city of Detroit. At said time, William Hoffman, with his wife Cora Hoffman and Maime Hoffman, sister of William Hoffman, were also in said house. During the evening a conversation took place between Cora Hoffman, wife of William Hoffman, and Maime Hoffman, during which the subject of her services upon the Jury in the Federal District Court became a topic of conversation. During the course of this conversation the said Cora Hoffman, said in substance and fact that she hoped she would be chosen for service in the Ford case and if she was, that it could not be very healthy for "old man Ford" as she did not like his methods or anything about him.

There were present in the same room with the said Cora Hoffman and Maime Hoffman during this conversation, Susan A. Orth, wife of the deponent; deponent and Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman were in an adjoining room where he heard the conversation and to the best of the memory and belief of the deponent the said William Hoffman, husband of Cora Hoffman, during this conversation was in the kitchen of said house.

Further, deponent sayeth not.

HENRY ORTH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the city of Detroit, Michigan, this 20th day of April, A. D. 1937.

EDWIN L. COOK,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1931.

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May 14, 1947.

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Detroit, Michigan.

Dear [redacted]

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I received your communication of the 14th instant, with enclosures, and am submitting the same to the Criminal Division for its consideration and instructions.

Sincerely yours,